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ago. That I would support. That would bring it, as Senator Crosby said, back to the way it was.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But, essentially, what you're doing is lowering the signature number then, and the people have at least once said "no", and you're saying that you think they would say "no" again.

SENATOR DIERKS: I am not sure. If there were one issue on the ballot, and we had a chance to explain that issue to them, I think that it would pass, but there were so many issues, and they were so confusing. We're prepared to do the same thing here in another election. We're just lining up a whole bunch of issues, and I'll bet you, I'll give you two to one odds that (laughter), I had better not do that, had I? If we crowd the ballot with all these issues, they are not going to pass again. There's a mind-set out there, we don't want constitutional amendment change.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But, Senator, I would...I would suggest to you that if we don't change the system, that the same thing will happen here as has happened in Oregon, in California, and other states where you have these multiple ballot issues because of the paid circulation issue, and you have all kinds of money interests getting little obscure things written into the constitution. I don't think we're at odds. I honestly don't, but...and I'm not sure that we can get to what you want because I don't think you're going to find a time that there aren't a number of issues on the ballot.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I think that you're right. I don't think we're that far apart. Where we part our ways is with having one signature being worth more than another signature on the same petition drive, and I just can't in my...I can't anyway imagine that that would be constitutional. And if that is not, if someone goes through this process, goes through all the expense of...and I know what Mr. Dobrovolny went through in his two times he has done it. It is an expensive, expensive thing, and in both cases, it was negated, one for one reason, another for another reason, but I don't think that that's fair to our citizens to have that happen.